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## **Vote Count Update**

California's county elections officials have processed and counted approximately 8.28 million ballots from the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. County elections officials estimate only approximately 350,000 additional unprocessed ballots remain.

[Click here for the Unprocessed Ballots Report](#)

[Click here for the reporting status from each county](#)

**NOTE:** The Secretary of State's office does not issue, receive, or count ballots. Elections officials in each of California's 58 counties process and count ballots, and transmit results to the Secretary of State's office. The Secretary of State's office compiles all of these results in the official Statement of Vote.

"We are in the final stretch of the vote counting process, as county elections officials complete their extensive tallying, auditing, and certification work," Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. "Voting by mail has increased significantly in recent years, and many vote-by-mail ballots now arrive on or after Election Day. County elections officials are also responsible for hand checking and counting provisional ballots. This process takes time to ensure that we don't disenfranchise voters."

"State law gives county elections officials up to 30 days after Election Day to complete the official canvass of the vote. County elections officials take the time to account for every ballot and ensure the integrity of the vote. It is important that elections officials get it right," Padilla added.

### **Canvass Deadlines**

County elections officials have up to 30 days after Election Day to complete their extensive tallying, auditing, and certification work (known as the "official canvass"). The frequency of updated results varies by county.

County elections officials must report their final results of the presidential primary contests to the Secretary of State by July 5, 2016, and of all other offices by July 8, 2016.

The Secretary of State will compile the results of the presidential primary contests by July 9, 2016, and will certify the results of all other offices by July 15, 2016.

**Vote-by-Mail Ballots**

A state law passed in 2014 requires that vote-by-mail ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received by county elections officials no later than 3 days after Election Day must be processed.

**Provisional Ballots**

In California, provisional ballots serve as a fail-safe method of ensuring all voters who show up to the polls can cast a ballot.

All provisional ballots are carefully checked by county elections officials to confirm that the person who voted provisionally is both registered and that they did not cast a ballot by mail or at another polling location on Election Day.

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